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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether indifference for science and technical education has been increasing in the country for the last few years ;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard ;

(c) whether the number of scientists on per thousand population in India is less in comparison to the other countries ; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

a) No, Sir. In fact adequate funds are provided to eligible universities and Institutions for development of higher education & research in various disciplines of Science & Technology. Further, in the field of Technical Education, every year more number of Engineering Institutes are coming up and in-take is increasing.

b) Does not arise.

c)&d) According to an estimate made by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR), the number of Scientific & Technical (S&T) personnel per thousand population at the beginning of 1999 was 7.27. International comparison of S&T personnel per thousand population has limitations as the member countries of UNESCO adopt their own definitions, classifications of S&T personnel, while providing data to UNESCO and also the years of reference of data are not the same for different countries. These limitations make the international comparison unrealistic.